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### SUMMARY FOR 4-8-13 THROUGH 5-5-13

This report takes us through week 18 of 2013. We are beginning to see some trends develop. At this time last year we made 469 arrests with 27 of these being felonies. This year we have made 355 arrests with 24 being for felonies. This is a drop of 114 arrests. I believe that this can be explained by several factors. We have experimented with different deployment strategies this year, including increasing visibility on the street and extending our hours until 10:00 P.M.

Another factor involves calls for service. Last year at this time we received 1413 calls. This year we are up to 1803 calls. The increased calls, extended hours, and high visibility foot patrols have left us with less discretionary patrol time. There are pros and cons to each approach. We will continue to seek the proper balance in deploying our resources.

### **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

On 4-8-13, our Officers saw Christopher sitting on the rear steps of K+L Wine located at 1420 Vine. His shoes were off. They stopped to ask him what he was up to at the back door of the business. He said he was resting. They then saw that he was wearing a Court Ordered ankle Bracelet. He said that he was on Parole and a Sex Registrant. He was sent on his way and we passed the information on to the LAPD.

On 4-9-13, Officers Mike and Mike met with representatives from the LAPD, PATH, MFP, and CAL Trans to discuss ways to work together in assisting the homeless in the Cahuenga corridor. A small game plan was put together.

On 4-12-13, I received a call from Jeff Briggs. He said he was walking in the 6800 block of Hollywood Blvd. when he saw the long blonde haired 'Captain America' character aggressively approaching people trying to get them to take a photograph with him. He was actually grabbing people. The character then grabbed Jeff who quickly pushed him away. The character became very aggressive to the point where Jeff felt threatened. He told the character he would call BID Security and he backed off. We will continue to monitor report and look for some solution to these aggressive and violent characters and CD venders.

On 4-13-13, the new Spice Alley opened up at the farmer's Market. Our Officers on bicycles were there to make sure they got off to a good start. We were there as they were setting up and stopped by during the day.

On 4-23-13, our PSO's contacted two cowpokes on horses in front of the Chinese Theater. Their horses unfortunately used the Blvd. for a toilet. I called the Stable that

owns the horses and complained. The cow people left, but Clean Streets got stuck with a nasty surprise that was left behind.

On 4-29-13, our PSO's were on foot patrol when they saw LAPD Officers arresting the 'Captain America' character in front of the Dolby Theater. Our PSO's later spoke to the black 'Darth Vader' character. He said the white 'Darth Vader' and 'Mr. Incredible' had been walking around in their civilian clothes when 'Captain America' shoved 'Mr. Incredible' who then held him as the white 'Darth Vader' called the Police.

On 4-30-13, we conducted our first monthly homeless count. Kerry Morrison has asked us to track the numbers and locations of homeless people sleeping within the BID. This should be a good tool to help determine if there are any new trends or patterns amongst our homeless population.

On 5-3-13, Sgt. Reyes saw a group with several tables set up on the curb in the 6700 block of Hollywood Blvd. We have written about this in the past. Reyes spoke to Mr. Luhan who said this was a feeding program being run by Angel's Camp (Michael McCutcheon, 818-849-2486). Mr. Luhan said that he is a volunteer and that he works at MFP. The program runs on Friday nights from 6:00 to 8:30 P.M.

On 5-5-13, Officers Gordon and Kanagi conducted a foot patrol through the Farmers Market. Several residents expressed their appreciation for BID Security.

### **MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

- 1) 4-9-13 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 2) 4-9-13 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 3) 4-9-13 LAPD, PATH, Cal Trans, MFP, BID Outreach Meeting
- 4) 4-10-13 City Attorney Meeting
- 5) 4-10-13 Tuberculosis Awareness Meeting
- 6) 4-11-13 BID Joint Security Meeting
- 7) 4-11-13 H+H Retail Meeting
- 8) 4-16-13 Hollywood 4WRD Outreach Meeting

- 9) 4-18-13 Department of Transportation Meeting
- 10) 4-18-13 H+H Retail Meeting
- 11) 4-22-13 Hollywood 4WRD Outreach Meeting
- 12) 4-23-13 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 13) 4-23-13 HHOT Outreach Meeting
- 14) 4-25-13 H+H Retail Meeting
- 15) 4-30-13 LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 16) 5-1-13 Crisis Management Meeting
- 17) 5-2-13 Richard McFarthing Outreach Plan Meeting

### **OUTREACH:**

On 4-12-13, we conducted a Business Check at the McDonalds located at H+H. The Manager directed us to the bathroom where a partially naked man was using the facilities.

We later received reports of a naked man walking around the BID. We found him and directed him to our office. We learned that he was homeless and his name is Frederick. We provided him with a pair of pants, T-shirt, and jacket from our storeroom. He left fully clothed and happy.

On 4-16-13, we received a call of a man down blocking the doorway at Tommy's Burgers located at 5873 Hollywood Blvd. Upon arrival, we found Kevin passed out on the floor. He could not be roused and Paramedics were called. LAFD 82 responded and took him to the hospital.

On 4-16-13, Mike and Mike found Greg at the Montalban Theater located at 1615 Vine. He said he was supposed to meet with Mark of Step up on Second. We called Mark and set up the meeting.

On 4-16-13, our Officers Mike and Mike found the homeless Victor at 6100 Sunset Blvd. They then contacted Karen of the VA as she has been looking for him in order to finish his paperwork for a housing voucher.

On 4-18-13, we received a radio call of a man trespassing and refusing to leave the Musicians Institute. It turned out to be longtime homeless man Carl. He refused to leave, but relented when our Officers bribed him with a new blanket. He was also given a jacket, but he tossed it aside.

Rapport Building Efforts- On 4-18-13, PSO Lisa Maki made contact with a troubled homeless woman know to us as 'Rachel'. Rachel had given Lisa a drawing last Tuesday. Rachel's boyfriend 'Skillet' was arrested for warrants by the LAPD so it seemed like a good time to make new in roads with her. Lisa bought Rachel a notebook and pack of pens.

On 4-18-13, Officer Mooney spotted a pant less man in the 6800 block of Hollywood Blvd. He was clearly mentally challenged. We got him some pants from our storage room. We offered him further assistance, but he refused and soon wandered off. This man is yet another new person that has appeared in the BID.

On 4-21-13, our Officers found a male transient passed out on the sidewalk at 6376 Hollywood Blvd. We know him as 'Ivan'. He was in the direct sunlight and we suspected an alcohol overdose. Paramedics were called and they responded and took him to the hospital.

On 4-22-13, Officers Ayala and Parra contacted the homeless Victor at 1413 Vine. BID Security's first documented contact with him was on 12-9-98 when he was arrested for possession of a shopping cart. He said that he came here from Jersey City, New Jersey. He has been arrested in excess of 75 times with the last coming on 3-13-09. The arrests are for trespass, drinking and illegal possession of shopping carts. We believe that he stopped these petty crimes after meeting his girlfriend.

He currently sleeps behind a car wash on Sunset Blvd. We have recently connected him with Karen of the Veterans Administration who is helping him get a VASH voucher. Unfortunately she said she needs to re-start his paperwork process.

On this morning Victor said that he was scheduled for hernia surgery at the VA hospital in Westwood, but had no money for bus fare. The actual surgery will be on May 1, 2013, but he had to be there today to see the Dr. He said the surgery would be delayed a month if he missed his appointment. Officer Ayala gave him the bus fare. We are hopeful that he will finally leave life on the streets.

On 4-23-13, our unarmed PSO's found an elderly woman who had fallen on the sidewalk in front of 6714 Hollywood Blvd. They got her a chair and picked up her groceries as they waited with her until Paramedics arrived.

On 4-24-13, our Officers saw Serge walking in the street at Hollywood and Cherokee. He pointed an empty water bottle at our Officers, pretending that it was a gun. He completely stopped both east and westbound traffic as he backed across the Blvd. Many outreach agencies are attempting to help this troubled homeless man.

On 4-26-13, we received a call of two people lying on the sidewalk at 6385 Hollywood Blvd. We contacted 'Skillet' and his girlfriend Rachel who was in medical distress. We called Paramedics and Engine #76 and RA 56 responded and took her to the hospital.

On 4-26-13, we took two boxes of items to My Friend's Place. They were donated to us by the Dolby Theater. They are items that patrons had left behind. We have been taking Dolby stuff to MFP for some time now. There is always an interesting mix including glasses, umbrellas, a fedora, sweaters, jewelry, toys and most anything else one would bring to a show. A lot of it is high end and would be great for a young person going for a job interview.

On 4-28-13, our Officers found a woman named 'Michelle' lying on the ground at 6385 Hollywood Blvd. She was topless and bleeding from a wound on her side. We called Paramedics and RA 27 responded and took her to the hospital.

On 4-29-13, a female transient came to our office seeking help. Our officers gave her referral information and Officer Mooney bought her a meal as she had not eaten all day.

On 5-1-13, our Officers were flagged down by a citizen at Vine and Selma. A man had been struck by a car. Our Officers blocked traffic until LAPD and Paramedics arrived. The victim was taken to the hospital

On 5-1-13, we received a radio call of a woman trying to enter the business Out of the Closet located at 6210 Sunset Blvd. She had urine and feces on her clothing and they did not want her in the store. Our Officers Mike and Mike contacted the homeless Debbie. They learned that she is not receiving SSI.

They called Spencer at the BSSSC and asked if he could supply a shower and clean clothes. He said yes and that he had been trying to help Debbie for the last year, but she has always politely refused. She did accept the shower and clothing and agreed to think about going to a PATH Shelter. This is a good first step towards a break through with her.



On 5-2-13, we received a radio call of a man down at Hollywood Pacific located at 6425 Hollywood Blvd. Our Officers arrived and saw that it was George who is homeless. We have a long history of both arresting and trying to help him. We were unable to rouse him and called Paramedics and RA 827 responded and took him to the hospital.

#### **ENFORCEMENT:**

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 276 arrests. One hundred and fifty five were for drinking in public, 23 for urinating in public, 23 for trespass, 4 for illegal vending, 7 for battery, 33 for blocking the sidewalk, 7 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 22 for felonies. We also made 204 homeless referrals, assisted 63 agencies, provided 482 foot beat patrols for a total of 624.4 hours, assisted 5590 citizens, handled 1182 radio calls for service and made 2681 business contacts.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 79 arrests. Forty eight were for drinking in public, 8 for urinating in public, 8 for trespass, 2 for battery, 8 for blocking the sidewalk, 2 for theft, 1 miscellaneous misdemeanor and 2 felonies. We also made 114 homeless referrals, assisted 57 agencies, provided 64 foot beat patrols for a total of 43.1 hours, assisted 1956 citizens, handled 621 radio calls for service, and made 1251 business contacts.

The combined arrest totals for both BIDS are 355 arrests. Two hundred and three for drinking in public, 31 for urinating in public, 31 for trespass, 4 for illegal vending, 9 for battery, 41 for blocking the sidewalk, 4 for theft, 8 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 24 for felonies. We also made a combined total of 318 homeless referrals, assisted 120 agencies, provided 546 foot beat patrols for a total of 667.5 hours, assisted 7546 citizens, handled 1803 radio calls for service, and made 3932 business contacts.

#### **NOTED ARRESTS:**

On 4-8-13, in an act near desperation, we arrested the homeless Gertrude at 6735 Hollywood Blvd. for blocking the sidewalk. We also arrested her on 3-28-13 for blocking the sidewalk and for littering on 3-29-13. As we have documented in recent weeks, she is basically out of control. We have and will continue to work with the homeless outreach community, but thus far no one has been able to help. Although arresting her is not a true solution, we are trying to break her current pattern of anti-social behavior.

On 4-11-13, our Officers Mike and Mike saw Jonathan in the area of Hollywood and Highland. They had met him several years prior. He was homeless and in need of help.

They connected him with Housing works who assisted him in getting Social Security funds that he had not received. They also set him up for Section 8 Housing. Once Jonathan got the cash, he disappeared. He did not follow up on the outreach efforts extended to him.

Jonathan is now a wanted Parolee at Large. We called the LAPD who started driving to the area. Most of our Officers were involved in a walking surveillance of the suspect as he walked eastbound on Hollywood Blvd. LAPD arrived and made the arrest at Orange. We provided back-up.

On 4-11-13, we received a call from Joe Mariani on our security radio. He and Devin had heard a woman screaming outside their office window. Joe then got on the radio, identified himself as 'Serpico One' and advised that there was a mugging in progress. Our officers arrived within 40 seconds.

Natalia was sitting on the bus bench at the S/W corner of Hollywood and Vine when Brooks tried to take her cell phone. A struggle ensued and the victim screamed for help. Brooks ran as the victim and other citizens gave chase. A second suspect tried to block the pursuing people. Two citizens managed to tackle Brooks in the street.

Andrews Security Director Guido Merkens (Capital Records) happened to be at the W Hotel doing a walk through with the newly hired Andrews guards for that location. He and the guards ran over and helped to secure the scene and get the suspect out of the street. BID Security arrived about 40 seconds after Joe's call. The LAPD arrived and the suspect was arrested for Felony Grand Theft.

In the 'man this is unpleasant' section, we have the arrest of Anthony for defecating in public in the alley to the rear of 6385 Hollywood Blvd. This occurred on 4-11-13. When asked for his thought processes he said 'I've been shitting on the streets for years. What's the big deal?' Sometimes the glamour of Hollywood is elusive.

On 4-12-13, our Officers arrested Trevor for drinking in public at 1805 Vine Street. After turning him over to the LAPD, we learned that he was a Parolee at Large. He was arrested for the felony warrant.

## ANDREWS INTERNATIONAL ANDREWS HOLLYWOOD/SUNSET BID PATROL INTERNATIONAL

On 4-15-13, our Officers Sterling and Islas observed a naked man in front of the Roosevelt Hotel located at 7000 Hollywood Blvd. They placed Richard under arrest for Indecent Exposure. LAPD Officers arrived and took custody. They added the charge of 11550 H+S (under the influence of narcotics).

On 4-17-13, our Officers found Yayco dancing in traffic at 6219 Lexington. His joyful mood was soon explained as he was drinking a Mike's Hard Cranberry Lemonade. He was taken off the street and arrested.

On 4-23-13, our Officers spoke to a man who said that he left his red cell phone inside the Laundromat located at 1820 Cahuenga. When he returned the phone was gone.

A few hours later, our Officers saw Timothy and Ashet drinking in public at Cahuenga and Yucca. They were both placed under arrest. The LAPD responded to the location. Timothy became very hostile to the LAPD Officers and they handcuffed him. They searched him and found the red cell phone that had gone missing from the Laundromat earlier in the morning.

Timothy was placed in the back of the LAPD Patrol car. He started banging his head, knocking the passenger window off track. This act earned him the additional charge of Felony Vandalism. We have had numerous prior negative contacts with both of these men.

On 4-23-13, we received a radio call of the theft of a leather jacket at the Harley Davidson store located at 6810 Hollywood Blvd. Our officers spotted the suspect running northbound on Highland being followed by a female employee. Our Officers followed and tried to stop the suspect who then ran through the parking lot behind Musso and Franks. He then ran into the rear door of the restaurant and out the front. He then ran south on Schrader.

Another of our teams blocked the suspect from continuing south so he jumped the wall to Selma Elementary School. He then ran into the school. LAPD arrived in force with Officers and a helicopter. We maintained a perimeter while the LAPD Officers entered the school. They found suspect Brendan hiding in a closet.

He was charged with the Felony Robbery as he injured an employee when he yanked the jacket out of her hands.



On 4-24-13, we arrested Devon for urinating in the parking lot of the CVS Pharmacy located at 1747 Cahuenga. After turning him over to the LAPD we learned that he had an outstanding felony warrant for Domestic Violence.

On 4-24-13, at about 1:00 P.M., our Officers were flagged down and informed of a naked man urinating in the CVS parking lot located at 1747 Cahuenga. We responded to the location and arrested Vernon after having him put his clothes back on.

On 4-30-13, Offiveer Melvin and Sgt. Reyes arrested Guad for Urinating in Public at 6608 Hollywood Blvd. After turning him over to the LAPD we learned that he was a wanted Parolee at Large. He was booked on the felony charge.

On 4-30-13, LAPD Officer Cheng of the Parole Compliance Unit came to our office with a wanted flier for suspect Anthony. She said he was a wanted Parolee. Our Officers Islas and Sterling spotted him the next day (5-1-13) in the 6400 block of Hollywood Blvd. While Officer Sterling spoke to Sandoval about his illegal

possession of a shopping cart, Officer Islas quietly called the LAPD. They responded and took the felon into custody.

On 5-1-13, three separate teams arrested Richard. Arrest number one occurred in front of Floyd's Barber Shop located at 1555 Cahuenga. He had been warned earlier regarding blocking the sidewalk. He refused to move and was arrested and cited out by the LAPD. The next arrest occurred at 12:46 P.M. as he was blocking the sidewalk at 6384 Cahuenga. He was again arrested and cited out.

The third arrest was at 1:45 P.M. as he was drinking in public in front of 6508 Hollywood Blvd. This time he was taken to a detoxification facility by the LAPD. We also learned that Richard is a Registered Sex Offender.

On 5-3-13, we received a call to respond to Tekila located at 6541 Hollywood Blvd. Owner Armen Adaoyan said that a man was refusing to leave. The man was threatening employees and acting in a violent manner. He was demanding alcohol and they refused to serve him. Our Officers contacted suspect Calvin. He threatened to kill our Officers and shouted numerous profanities at them. He squeezed one

Officers hand and advanced on him when he pulled away. Back-up Officers then grabbed Calvin and guided him to the floor.

The suspect attempted to kick and spit on our officers. LAPD Bike officers Helmstetter and Hwang arrived and took custody. Calvin continued to fight with them and they had to put a spit mask on the suspect. It took four LAPD Officers to get Calvin into a Patrol car as he continued to struggle. His Trespassing charge was changed to a felony when we learned that he was a wanted Parolee at Large.

On 5-3-13, we arrested Constance for drinking in public in front of Andre's Pizza located at 7038 Hollywood Blvd. After turning her over to the LAPD we learned that she had two outstanding warrants. One was a Felony No Bail warrant.

On 5-4-13, our officers arrested Sharon for Defecating in public in the parking lot of the Chase Bank located at 1500 Vine Street. Out of the kindness of our hearts, we are sparing our readers the very graphic photo of this crime in progress.

On 5-4-13, our Officers arrested Christian after seeing him drink from a can of 211 Steele Reserve as he passed them on his skateboard. They arrested him at 6601 Hollywood Blvd. The LAPD responded and we then learned that Christian had four outstanding warrants including a No Bail Felony.

#### **DEPLOYMENT:**

During most of this period we worked from 6:00 A.M to 8:00 P.M. on Monday through Wednesday and 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We worked from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday. This schedule was a 13 week trial that ended the last week of this period.

### TRAINING UPDATE:

During this period, our Officers received training on Liability and Legal Aspects, Patrol Procedures, Arrest, Search and Seizure and Legal Update.